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We've got tons of things to cover so let's dig right in with the business and then we'll get into the live WCW tapings that were held in St. Petersburg on May 1. The next issue will be a day or two late as I'll be in Jacksonville for the Wrestle War weekend. Arena Report is published bi-weekly at the cost of \$1.00 per issue. A label on your envelope indicates how many issues you have left. All renewals, letters, and results may be sent to Arena Report, P.O. Box 952547, Lake Mary, FL 32795-2547.

LIVE REPORT

Bayfront Center (WCW Taping for World Wide Wrestling & WCW Saturday Night)

I'm not sure of the air dates for these shows but they taped 3 World Wide shows and 1 WCW Sat. Night. (Except for the 2 out of 3 which is taped in Center Stage)

World Wide Taping 1: Big Josh & Junkyard Dog beat Tony Mella & Rocky Star. 2) Terry Taylor pinned Kenny Kendall. 3) Steve Austin over Ron Simmons via DQ in a Top Ten tourney bout. Austin's new haircut looks good. Looks more like an all-american now instead of a "California hippie on dope". ** 4) Dustin Rhodes pinned Larry Zbyszko in a Top Ten tourney bout at 7:17. Dustin thwarted Larry's attempt at a suplex and turned it into a small package. *** 1/4 End of taping.....Steve Austin and Ricky Steamboat went to a ten minute draw in a bout taped for WCW Main Event. Still pushing Ricky's broken nose. How long does it take to get over one? *3/4 World Wide Taping 2: 1) Barry Windham lariatied Joe Cruz. 2) Super Invader (Hercules with a stocking over his face and billed from Bangkok managed by Race.) won a handicap squash. 3) Steiner Brothers destroyed Rick Thames & Sonny Trout. You've never seen a Steiner squash until you witness it from the front row. Trout screwed up the first spot and it was death from there. 4) Diamond Stud pinned Rick Hardrock. 5) Rick Rude beat Dustin Rhodes to win the top ten tourney in a tremendous bout that went 12:46. Rude hit Dustin with his title belt and then applied the Rude Awakening. Tremendous heat and both worked their buns off. **** Dark Match: Steiner Brothers over Bobby Eaton & Arn Anderson via DQ in 9:21. Talk about bringing up a touchy subject. At one point Paul E. yelled about a hurt Scott Steiner, "Just like Rodney King, he's through." ***3/4 WCW Saturday Night: Tom Zenk over Bob Cook. 2) Nikita Koloff sickled Mr. Hughes. *** 3) Vinnie Vegas snake eyed Jim Cain. 4) Diamond Stud dropped Rob Gamble. 5) Scotty Flamingo beat Brad Armstrong in 8:01 when J.T. Southern tripped up Brad while he was going for a suplex. Not as good as you might think. This Southern is holding Scotty back. * 6) Nikita Koloff & Ricky Steamboat beat Arn Anderson & Larry Zbyszko via DQ in 5:22 when Bobby Eaton interfered after a sickle. *1/2 7) Super Invader over Keno McKenzie & Ian Weston. World Wide Taping 3: 1) Freebirds over John Peterson & Chris Sullivan. 2) Diamond Stud pinned Joey Maggs. 3) Super Invader over Rick Ryder & Scott Allen...Jesse Ventura did an interview with Diamond Stud pushing a feud with Dustin..... 4) Johnny B. Badd pinned Scotty Flamingo in 6:51. After a collision, Southern pushed Scotty on top but Brad came out to reverse and ref counted three. *1/2 5) Nikita & Steamboat over Arn & Austin when Larry Z. did a run in. Great angle as Larty accidentally hit Arn with the phone and Paul E. went to attack Larry with the phone but Zbyszko turned around just in time. Arn then got into an argument with Larry but Austin broke it up and Larry left the ring with chants of "Larry, Larry". Never thought I'd see the day but Paul did a great job working the fans throughout the bout. ***1/2 Dark Match: Steamboat over Rude via DQ in a cage at 15:10. Arn and Austin attacked Klondike Bill and stole the key to get into the cage. Dustin & Nikita made the save. Rip off ending as usual. Move of the night was Rude taking a suplex from Ricky off the top of the cage. Unreal. *** NOTES: It was a long night as the show went from 7:30-midnight. Saw too much of Stud, Invader, and believe it or not Steamboat. I'm tired of this nose angle. Finish it already.....Madusa looks great at ringside but doesn't do much.....After the card, Bill Otten, Chris Qualmann, and myself went to Yucatan which is the club Jannetty got in trouble at. We then went to the Doll House where Vinnie Vegas, Scotty the Body, and another wrestler (who requested to be anonymous) sat at the table next to us. We bought them a round of beers and Vegas responded by buying us a table dance. Maybe he's not a bad worker after all. Heh, heh.

 RAMBLINGS

The big news concerns Sid Justice. Sid got into an argument after his bout with Ultimate Warrior in Boston last Sunday with George Steele and walked out. He didn't show up at the TV tapings in Niagra Falls or Syracuse on Tuesday or Wednesday. Where did he go? Here's my equation: Sid Justice + walking out on a promotion = softball season. But wait. There's more to the story. The May 4th issue of the Wrestling Observer reports on a wrestler getting caught cheating on his steroid test right before Wrestlemania. But the guy was such a key figure that they couldn't suspend him. It was Sid. So now the WWF have announced that Sid is suspended for "unprofessional conduct". Basically they are covering their butts if anyone questions why Sid got away with it. Doesn't look like Sid will be coming back either. Funny thing is he used Downtown Bruno's urine for the test. Bet there was gallons of alcohol in it.....As I type this page there is a WCW show going on in Chicago and word is the Steiners are winning the belts tonight. Will let you know before this issue is out.....Diamond Stud getting a huge push as he'll be the next member of the Dangerous Alliance.....WCW have just signed Jim Neidhart. Why ask why?.....Mr. Hughes will be one of the guys WCW lets go.....A card in St. Pete on 5/9 will see the Blackhearts meet Ian Weston & The Shocker.....WCW may use Bruno Sammartino in the angle with Zybszko culminating with Bruno & Larry vs. Paul E. and Arn at Halloween Havoc. They'll try to push it big in the Northeast as well.....Freebirds winning the US tag belts at Wrestle War. Question of the week has to be why they continue to get pushed.....Steiners probably getting the titles because they keep threatening to jump to Titan. Jeff Bowdren made a good point the other day. He said the reason they want to leave is because they don't want to work. Rick Steiner has become ultra lazy.....Read in the Observer that Madusa and Gilbert have split. Heard that Eddie now has his sights set on Sherri as he wants to make a sweep of women in wrestling.....The NWA tag tourney format may be changed at the Clash as some guys are balking at doing jobs. Here we go again.....I'll only say this once, please WCW, don't let Jason Hervey on another one of your broadcasts again. Maybe they should let Steve Beverly play that tape of Hervey calling the wrestlers steroid freaks and we can watch the Steiners steinerline him.....WCW will be putting masks on Bob Cook and Joe Cruz and make them a tag team. They won't be calling them the Assassins and Jody Hamilton managing them is only his dream. They're not sure of a name yet but they are working on their tag skills in Hamilton's school. Cook is a solid worker and deserves the break. Cruz???? Weeeelllll!.....5/3 in Billerica before 800 saw Jimmy Snuka win the Canadian-American title beating Hercules (sub for Neidhart). Also Nicolai Volkoff over Mike Sharpe with Kowalski as ref.....5/1 in Ft. Myers for ICWA saw Jim Neidhart over Dan Spivey (sub for Hercules who was debuting for WCW in St. Pete) and Dean Malenko bested Pat Tanaka in the best bout of the night.....Some people may get on my case about this but I think WCW should groom Dustin for the belt in the next couple of years. His workrate is better than Sting's, he could be more over, and he's certainly not on roids. Let's forget who his father is.....Apologies to WCW for the comments last issue concerning the Sting-Vader bout from the Omni. If I had watched the shows that weekend instead of taping them for later viewing I would have seen them acknowledge Sting's injury happening at the Omni.....Gordon Scozzari called to deny allegations that he sent Gaylord down to beat up Gilbert. I still stick by my story and sources.....Another hardcore gsts a taste of the business as Dave Flaherty made his managing debut at a women's card in Ft. Lauderdale representing Luna Vachon. He worked as Mark Smart.....Some notes from the Titan tapings in Syracuse on 4/29: Kamala returned managed by Whippleman.....Rochester Roadblock got a tryout.....In a match between Ric Flair and Sgt. Slaughter (airs this weekend) the Mountie comes down to shock Slaughter causing him to lose and setting their feud up. Buy your tickets now.....Ultimate Warrior beats Brian Knobbs and then Papa Shango comes to the ring and does a voodoo dance and Warrior collapses and is carried out on a stretcher. That voodoo will get you every time. Is it me or is wrestling just getting more ridiculous.....For those attending the PPV weekend in Jacksonville, Eddy Mansfield's IWF will be running a show at the Mayport Naval Base in J-ville on Saturday night the 16th. Here's the line-up: Mulligan vs. Black Bart who they are billing as Nasty Ronnie bringing in to collect the bounty, a return match from last years Super Brawl weekend with Nasty Ned Brady (works as Possessor in IWF) vs. Raul Mata, his hot two tag feuds as Bad Boys meet Dynamite Express and Long Riders face Heartbreakers. Two other bouts as well.. A quote from one of the TNT announcers during last weeks playoff game between the Nets and the Cavs: "Sam Bowie with a little Lex Luger on Mark Price." Now if Luger worked for WCW they would have probably used a name like Undertaker.Print media snafu of the week. The Orlando Business Journal printed an accompanying picture with the story of Galloway & Qualmann' new law firm. It was of Chris Qualmann and Greg Galloway posing with Hulk Hogan and the caption read, "Qualmann & Galloway with one of their most noticeable clients". Chris wants everyone to know the paper acted on their own in putting that caption in. Wonder if you guys will hear from Mr. Bollea's real lawyer.....A mini

IT'S MY 2-CENTS

by Mike Terry

I shouldn't let too much time pass without a mention of Steve Beverly's final (at least for now) edition of *Matwatch*. What a wonderful effort! It probably made all of us regret just a bit more that Steve is no longer a weekly visitor to our homes. Some of the accounts of the "backstage intrigue" were fascinating. Couldn't you just picture Missy Hyatt doing and saying all the things in Steve's stories? Just a terrific job, Steve. It must have been very therapeutic as well. I miss you and your insights and hope we'll see *Matwatch* in some form occasionally. But what about a monthly column? I suspect Ron could find a page. What do you say, Steve?

With everything that's going on these days, I think we could really use some of Steve Beverly's logic and rational analysis to counter those who are so quick to lower the Titan coffin into the ground. Certainly the charges are serious and if found guilty, those responsible must do their time. But I'm getting tired of editors who have McMahon down for the 3-count and keep trumpeting the end of the WWF. Wishful thinking, boys.

Evan Ginsburg also deserves congratulations for his *Wrestling Then & Now* annual remembering the great territories. It brought back a lot of memories, Evan!

Can't say I'm surprised about the direction the GWF is taking. Disappointed, but not surprised. So many promotions have taken this path in the past going back years and years. The investors, who are usually not wrestling insiders, are either promised or expect more than can reasonably be delivered. Their pockets are only so deep and their tolerance for the political atmosphere that pervades wrestling runs out. In other words, the scamming and conning and backstabbing gets old after awhile. I hate to imagine the type of TV shows we're in for on ESPN. But--oh I so hope they keep Big Bertha Young around. Sounds like the kind of situation Eric Embry would slither into.

Quotes of the month: Vince on Tatonka: "That red in his hair is a tribute to..." Heenan: "Lucille Ball." Vince on Martel: "(He's on) an ego trip around the world." Heenan on Prime Time Wrestling to Hillbilly Jim: "Who gave you that horseshoe?" Jim: "My grandpappy, why?" Heenan: "What's he got on the other foot?"

Separated at birth: this month's credit goes to David Letterman who had this observation about rocker Eddie Money: "Is it just me or is this guy starting to look like Bobby Heenan?"

Outta left field & outta my mind: what about a shot in the WWF for Ronnie P. Gossett?

And wasn't it great to see TBS pre-empt the first 12 minutes of WCW Main Event on 4/12 so that we could see the entire "Captain Planet?" Does whoever made the decision really believe someone tuning in at 6:05 for Main Event will stay around to wait for Main Event? And what about a crawl on the screen to let us know Main Event's coming up? The power is YOURS, you boneheads!

Spare change: the Undertaker really needs to polish that tombstone piledriver. It's real loose.....Flamboyant Freddie Fargo ranks right up there with Diamond Dallas Page on my list of never-have-beens and never-will-bes.....Whenever I hear Papa Shango laugh, I always crave an uncola.....what a spiffy new graphics package the WWF has.....Rick Martel gets a 1-2-3 on Big Bossman on Prime Time Wrestling 4/20--is there handwriting on the prison wall?.....and if Steve Beverly were still recruiting members for the all-cliche team, Jim Ross would have to qualify for his repeated cracks about Paul E. being "WCW's version of Cy Sperling." Right, Jimbo. And you're WCW's version of the Pillsbury Dough Boy. And I'm gonna roll on out of here till next month.

Last minute info: RL - Steeners did win bolts in chi-town 5/3. For those going to Jacksonville, I'll be pulling in around 6:00 Friday night. For those coming in sat. we'll meet at Holiday Inn airport bar at 4:00. See ya there!!!

What's up, gang? (That's the traditional way to start an article when you're too lazy to come up with something creative!). Your faithful columnist is back with another Piece Of My Mind...

WRESTLEMANIA AND ITS AFTERMATH

2 hot matches 7 stinkers. An overall thumbs up due to tremendous Flair & Piper matches. But what does this all mean? Zip, people. Back in the arena you'll get the usual sleepwalking (with the exception of **maybe** Michaels-Brett Hart and Flair-Savage), steroid monsters, and gimmick performers. If you see **any** shows with more than 2 good matches on them, please let me know about them, because I just can't imagine it. The WWF "graciously" gives the fans their one or two good **quarterly** matches on the PPV's and "only" for \$29.95. Their generosity knows no bounds, and what's particularly scary is that fans seem grateful when they throw us some crumbs. Any promotion that has Dibiase, Flair, Piper, Owen & Brett, Road Warriors, Michaels, Savage, Sheri, and puts on **nightmarish** shows day after day, does not deserve our attention or support, and that's as simply as I can put it.

GORDON SCOZZARI AND AWF

I recently had an extensive conversation with Gordon, who is another in a long series of people who have gotten a raw deal from the wrestling press. Gordon completely denies the allegations he sent Jeff Gaylord after Eddie Gilbert. Gaylord was bitter about Gilbert not booking him in many years, and although Gordon feels he was burned by Gilbert who no-showed his AWF tapings (these were plane tix mix-ups too- it's a long, complicated story), he had nothing to do with the Gaylord-Gilbert "shoot." Gordon, in booking his AWF shows last winter, paid the boys better than most had been accustomed to being paid, yet was ripped-off right and left. It's bad enough the sheets white-washed the affair but to gloat over an honest guy's misfortunes seems to be taking things to an extreme. Gordon is an honest guy, probably too naive to be a part of the dirty business of wrestling. He should have all of our support, rather than our criticism. If Gordon paid several guys in advance and they no-showed, should he be criticized for his trusting them and treating them well, or should the wrestlers be taken to task for ripping him off? And make no mistake about it, being paid for a service and no-showing is **theft**. Lano has all the sordid details in this month's Wrestling- Then & Now (\$1.25 to yours truly at PO Box 471, Oakland Gardens Station, Flushing, NY 11364). The moral to this story- don't believe everything you read, or at least read between the lines because certain sheet people do in fact have their own agendas.

WRESTLE RADIO WARS

Probably the hottest feud in wrestling is the John Arezzi-Vincent Russo sheet/rasslin' radio wars. These former partners have had a serious parting of the ways. Arezzi has been very visible due to his scathing WWF exposes, and Russo has been less anxious to go after the WWF and therein lies ^{the} basis of the feud. Vince has taken over the helm of Pro Wrestling Spotlight, the thus far disappointing weekly sheet and Arezzi's gearing up for his own publication. I think Vince made a tragic mistake in trashing Arezzi, Mushnick & Co. in his premier solo issue as it clearly makes people **choose** between the two camps rather than judge each publication on its own merits. If you want **heat**, keep posted to this ongoing soap opera. Later, people. And always remember- white men can jump...

-NAME: GREG MILLER

OCCUPATION: retired

BORN: April 11, 1944 Hamilton, Ontario

WHAT 3 WORDS DESCRIBE YOU BEST: shy, loner, loyal

DREAM VACATION: Pugwash, Nova Scotia

THINGS YOU CAN DO WITHOUT: egotistical bookers, egotistical wrestlers and people.

WHOM IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE DINNER WITH: Tina Turner or Marilyn Rundle

MOVIE YOU COULD SEE ANYTIME: Derby

3 THINGS THAT CAN ALWAYS BE FOUND IN YOUR REFRIGERATOR: Heavenly Hash Ice Cream, Cream & Coffee Fudge Ice Cream, almond mocha fudge ice cream

WHO WOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE: James Caan

WHAT TV SHOW DO YOU NEVER MISS: Leave It To Beaver

FAVORITE WRESTLING MOMENT: Watching Stan Hansen do a job (on a tape sent to me by a friend.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION OR SIMPLY LIGHTWEIGHT?

I'm the first to admit that I don't like Brian Pillman. I thought from day one he was the wrong choice for champion. He comes across with a smug, little man's complex. I think someone should take all these newsletters that praise him, roll them up, and smack him on the ass, but that's just me. The reason that Pillman was a bad choice, though, was due to his won/loss record last year. While not Pillman's fault, he needed to be built back up to a star before getting a world championship. The wrestler makes the belt important, not vice versa (see Flair, Hogan, Piper, etc.) But, given the fact that there are few choices to be the champ, let's pretend it's eight months ago and see how we could have handled this differently.

Let Ross and Windham banter about if "Flying" Brian" is no more. Show no interview with Pillman, explain that he is a man of action, not words. When the match comes, in the studio, not via satellite from Elsewhere, USA, it should be a brawl from start to finish. There doesn't need to be broken bottles or barbed wire. A few chairs, tables, and maybe a podium will do. Blood isn't a necessity, either. Hell, have Cactus bring a squeegee to the ring. He's done it before. Cactus should be on defense for 90% of the match. Pillman should win with the superplex again. After the match, Pillman comes up to Ross, points to the still prone Cactus and says, "That's why I'll be the light heavyweight champion!"

With his aerial moves, Japanese moves, and brawling ability (see first five minutes of Wrestle War '91), Pillman is legitimate choice for champion. But by just attacking a belt on him, it almost appears that they felt sorry for the little guy who can't beat anyone, so they made up a belt for him. You may have your own scenario for Pillman. Anything would've been better, really. Bringing in Lyger, Scotty the body, maybe Lightning Kid and others as opponents, just makes them look bad for losing to the perennial loser. They can't give him a belt, then make him champion. That's not how it works. Just ask Lex or Sting or the ultimate Warrior. Of course, they could've done the really smart thing and just given it to Brad Armstrong in the first place, but's a thought for another day.

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SCOTT HUDSON'S.....

GEORGIA WRESTLING JOURNAL

CENTER STAGE (Atlanta, Georgia) 04-27-92. "WCW SATURDAY NIGHT" TV TAPINGS FOR AIR ON 05-09-92 and 05-16-92. **(05-09):** Barry Windham over Steve Austin ..**(05-16):** Scotty Flamingo over Johnny B. Badd..**NEWS AND NOTES:** Randy Owen, the lead singer for the country music group "Alabama", was the guest co-host on the 05-09-show while Teddy Long guested on the 05-16 show..Rick Rude is the 05-09 interviewee. Owen questions Rude as to why he left the WWF and Rude answers with something along the lines of "I was being held back." Rude then introduces Madusa who comes onto the set. Missy Hyatt is then dispatched into the stands to take questions from "fans" (i.e.plants). The first question, from an Asian-American female, is asked and answered uneventfully. The second question, from a breathtakingly beautiful blonde (the sister of Mark "Johnny B. Badd" Merro), is interrupted by a third female seated nearby. The two "fans" then engage in a verbal catfight culminating in the blonde female charging the ring to confront Rude and/or Madusa. Doug Dillenger (looking for all the world like Baron Von Raschke in a Sy Spurling headdress) arrives and hoists the blonde over his left shoulder before carrying the kicking and screaming "fan" off the set..The Windham/Austin match is a *** 20:00+ bout. Windham wins (can you guess) the first and third falls as well as the WCW TV Title..The 05-16 show is much less thrilling as no guest joins Long and Ross on the set. The show does close with a bang, however, as Tom Zenk runs-in the ring following Flamingo's tainted win over Badd. Zenk is double-teamed by Flamingo and J.T. Southern with Badd "knocked out". Brian Pillman, who had joined Ross at the commentators position, makes the save for Zenk. As Ross is doing the live close, he brings out Zenk and Pillman. Zenk rants and raves about Flamingo and Southern before Pillman interrupts. Pillman chews Zenk a new one about how tired he is of saving Zenk. This ends up with both men in the ring having to be separated by various referees and road agents. No doubt that this was meant to boost impulse buying of the next day's Pay Per View from Jacksonville which features a Pillman/Zenk match.**ATT:** 825

NORTH GEORGIA WRESTLING CENTER (Alpharetta, Georgia) 05-03-92. NGWA TV TAPINGS FOR AIR THE WEEKENDS OF 05-09-92 THROUGH 06-06-92. **(05-09):** Randy Rose over Tim Taylor..Scott Studd over Cyclone..**(05-16):** Steve Lawler over Magnificent One ..The Convicts over Bob Ellis & Cyclone..Tim Strong over Lee Thomas..**(05-23):** The Jailhouse Rocker over Tim Taylor..Magnificent One over Mike Curevich..Scott Studd over Bob Ellis..**(05-30):** Randy Rose over Tim Strong..Steve Lawler over Tim Taylor ..The Convicts over Lee Thomas & The Jailhouse Rocker..**(06-06):** The Hangmen over Cyclone & Bob Ellis..Mike Curevich over Magnificent One..**NEWS AND NOTES:** Big Bully Busick returned to the wrestling scene as a heel, affiliating himself with the "Diana's Boys" heel conglomerate. Busick's interference leads to the upset victory of The Magnificent One (Glenn Gilbertetti) over the Georgia Heavyweight Champion Mike Curevich in a non-title bout on the 05-23 show. Curevich avenges this loss on the 06-06 show..Joel Deaton joined Detruth and I at the commentators position. Deaton is out of action due to a 03-24 herniated disc suffered in Japan. Deaton says the injury is similar to that suffered by The Dynamite Kid. Deaton expects to be back in All Japan rings with partner Billy Black in 4 to 6 months. Black may do a solo tour without Deaton but don't hold your breath..Johnny Dollar (Mike Davis, who wrestled as Thunder here four weeks ago) turned face and is now T.A. Golder which is for Terrance Alexander Golden.**ATT:** 40

THE LAST WORD...**MY ADVISE TO VINCE MCMAHON:**

Do whatever you can to have Murray Hogdson's lawsuit venue changed to Ventura Co. California. Those idiotic bigots will believe ANYTHING YOU THROW AT THEM!!!!!!

Scott Hudson

ARENA REPORT BACK ISSUES

I've had numerous requests to put more issues for sale so here are the next set of ten back issues of "AR". These are available now through June 1. Prices are as follows: 1 issue for \$2.00--5 for \$8.00--all 10 for \$13.00. Here's a rundown on the issues and their contents:

- Vol. I, Number 11--Special "Phun In Philadelphia" issue with notes on the entire hardcore weekend get together 2/3-2/5/89 including an NWA live report from the Civic Center, Ramblings, Correspondent Reports. (6 pages)
- Vol. I, Number 12--WWF Live Report New Haven, CT 2/13/89, Ramblings, Correspondent Reports, Sat. Night Main Event Review, Letters. (6 pages)
- Vol. I, Number 13--WWF Live Report Springfield, MA 3/5/89, Chi-Town Rumble Review, Editorial on the NWA, Ramblings, Correspondent Reports, Letters, (7 pages)
- Vol. I, Number 14--WWF Live Report Hartford, CT 3/19/89, Sat. Night's Main Event Review, Ramblings, Correspondent Reports, Letters. (6 pages)
- Vol. I, Number 15--NWA Live Report New Haven, CT 4/8/89, Ramblings, Super Sunday Review, Correspondents Reports, Letters. (8 pages)
- Vol. I, Number 16--WWF Live Report Providence, RI 4/28/89, Ramblings, Correspondent Reports, Letters. (6 pages)
- Vol. I, Number 17--WWF Live Report Springfield, MA 5/12/89, Wrestle War Review, Ramblings, Guest Column by Evan Ginzburg on Luche Libre Part 1, Correspondent Reports, Letters. (8 pages)
- Vol. I, Number 18--"Farewell To New England" Issue. Double Live Report- WWF New Haven 5/19/89 & TWWF East Hartford, CT 5/21/89, Part 2 of Evan Ginzburg' Luche Libre column, Ramblings, Correspondent Reports, Letters. (7 pages)
- Vol. I, Number 19--PWF Live Report Orlando 6/11/89, Sat. Night's Main Event Review, Ramblings, Correspondent Reports, Letters. (5 pages)
- Vol. I, Number 20--Double Live Report- WWF Orlando 6/24/89 & PWF Orlando 6/18/89, Feature on WWF-NWA war in Connecticut, Ramblings, Clash of Champions Review, Correspondents Reports. (8 pages)

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***** *****CORRESPONDENT'S CORNER***** *****

Indian Bingo Parlor (NCW) Spartanburg, SC April 23, 1992
Correspondent: Danny Parris

1) Mitch Pruitt & Mike Somani beat Crazy Koune & Black Scorpion. *3/4 2) Sledgehammer Dave Melton and Butcher Bob Blackwell went to a double count out at 9:02. 1/2* 3) Billy Eagle over Texas Dave Breck via DQ in 11:23. Dud 4) Flowboy Thompson won over Rattlesnake Westbrook via DQ in 13:01.* 5) Wahoo McDaniel & Jay Eagle beat Warlock & Grim Reaper in 21:22. *1/2 6) Wahoo won a 15 man blindfold battle royal in 11:12. * ATT: 130

Carnegie Mellon University (ASWF) Pittsburgh, PA April 24, 1992
Correspondent: Andy Stowell

1) Ron Cumberland used a crucifix to down Scott Summers in 10:07. ***1/2 2) The Inmates beat Beach Boy Bo Everast & Shawn Adams in 14:05. Best bout on the card as it resembled an old fashioned Memphis type brawl. ***1/4 3) American Patriots beat Zoltan & Cruncher by DQ in 19:04. Zoltan bumped the ref for the DQ. (OT was his brother.) *** 4) Dead Ringer Pug beat Dead Ringer Ug (brothers belonging to a fraternity at the college.) in 4:15. Pug used a foreign object on Ug for the win. *1/2 5) Shane Douglas over Masked Superstar (not Bill Eadie OR Bob Cook) in 8:00. *1/2 6) Charlie Fukton beat Domenic DeNucci in a lumberjack match which saw all the lumberjacks fighting outside. ***1/4 ATT: 120

East Park Recreation Center (NWF) Houma, LA April 26, 1992
Correspondent: Ken Verret

1) Joey Maggs pinned Ken Massey. 2) Steve Pritchard beat Night Stalker via count out. 3) Ron Powers downed Steve Ray when manager Michael Allshore pushed

Ray off the top rope. 4) Paul Orndorff used a piledriver to beat Buddy Landell.
5) Robert Gibson & Butch Reed went to a double DQ with Manny Fernandez & Eli
the Eliminator. ATT: 115

Rosemont Horizon (WWF) Rosemont, IL
Correspondent: Dave Prazak

April 26, 1992

1) Chris Walker beat Bob Bradley with a sicle off the top rope. * $\frac{1}{2}$ 2) Skinner defeated Jim Brunzell with a neckbreaker. Bad bout. -*** 3) Tatanka cross body blocked Col. Mustafa. *for Chavis. 4) Natural Disasters beat Money Inc. via count out. Same walk out finish as WM but more content to bout. **
5) Undertaker tombstoned Berzerker in a surprisingly good bout. *** 6) Papa Shongo used a shoulderbreaker to dispose of Virgil. Some missed moves. *
7) Sgt. Slaughter put The Mountie to sleep with too much stalling and yelling on house mic. $\frac{1}{2}$ * 8) Randy Savage over Ric Flair via DQ when Perfect was going to hit Randy with the belt but the ref saw him. Excellant bout with both working super. **** $\frac{1}{4}$ 9) Virgil won a 16 man battle royal by eliminating DiBiase at the 7:00 mark. ** $\frac{3}{4}$

Sports Bar (ECW) Philadelphia, PA
Correspondent: Chuck Langerman

April 26, 1992

1) The Flames beat C.N. Red & King Kahlua. 2) Incredible Metalmaniac over Derrick Dynamo. 3) Waldo pinned Glen Osbourne. 4) Johnny Hotbody pinned Jimmy Snuka to win the ECW title with help from Larry Winters. 5) Wild Man Sal over Jimmy Jannetty. 6) Larry Winters over Steve Richards. 7) Tony Stetson beat Mr. Sandman in a no stips match where both juiced heavily. 8) The Pit Bulls & J.T. Smith went to a DDQ with Super Destroyers & The Rider.

Boston Garden (WWF) Boston, MA
Correspondent: Louie Fortuna

April 26, 1992

1) Crush beat Kato with a reverse spinebuster in 7:15. 2) Nasty Boys downed Owen Hart & Jim Powers in 9:19 when Powers did the honors. 3) Rick Martel used the ropes to defeat Tito Santana. (Didn't they use that finish a couple of years ago when they had their feud?) 4) Ultimate Warrior over Sid Justice via DQ when Sid hit Warrior with the medical bag in a mere 4:26. Lucky for the fans live. 5) British Bulldog sunset flipped Repo Man in 8:12. 6) Bret Hart rolled up Shawn Michaels in 14:37. 7) Legion of Doom over Beverly Brothers in 11:45 when Hawk hit Blake with the top rope clothesline. ATT: 6,000

Tampa Sportatorium (ICWA) Tampa, FL
Correspondent: #Paul Spiegel

April 30, 1992

1) Allen Iron Eagle pinned El Bandito. 2) Sandy Beach over Tommy Starr.
3) Denny Brown pinned Coconut Man. 4) Al Perez defeated Hurricane Walker.
5) Robert Fuller over Pat Tanaka via DQ. 6) Gods of Steel and Star Riders went to a double DQ.

#LETTERS TO "AR"

Butch

Writing letters to "AR" is the worst job I've had since I was the custodian of Richard Gere's gerbil farm! Did you ever try to shave a gerbil and give it a pedicure? Boy, was he fussy! Especially after that nasty scene in the emergency room. I just met Gere at a swanky Hollywood party that I attended with Pat Patterson and his date, McAuley Caulkin, star of Home Alone. Pat was so proud he was glowing.

Butch Bigelow
Dead Dog, KY

Vinnie the Booker

If I could, here's how I'd like the Bash to go in July at Philly: Steiners vs. Gordy & Williams (unification for tag belts), Great Muta vs. Rick Steamboat, Steve Austin vs. Hiro Hase, Jushin Liger vs. Scotty Flamingo, Rude, Anderson, Eaton vs. Windham, Rhodes, Zbyszko, Ron Simmons vs. Cactus Jack, Sting vs. Brian Pillman. Now there needs to be some notes on this.

Zbyszko would be a face presuming that he's turning because on the 4/11 WCW telecast, Ross mentioned "disention" with Z and the Dangerous Alliance. Gordy/Williams-Steiners would be the merger of the NWA-WCW belts (how the hell do they expect people to believe there'd be NWA champs in a WCW organization. Meaning that they just did away with the NWA name to look less amateurish.) Steamboat vs. Muta serves as interest plus the 2 haven't feuded. Could do well. Austin@Hase would be good but good wrestling too. Liger-Flamingo new and has potential to be 4 stars. Six man could be a bunkhouse with great anticipation as Philly fans love the brawling (remember Goodharts's success?)

Simmons-Jack to serve getting Jack over. And Sting-Pillman purely scientific' as it is both refreshing and both assuredly would do well together. Philly would sell out since its perfect for their appetite and when was the last good PPV in Philadelphia?

Hopefully Jake will be WCW bound soon but can never tell. Would make sende to do a feud with Sting but Frey has to sign him first.

Vinnie Carolan
Stoughton, MA

Apology

I guess some things were misunderstood in my last letter. I felt that Craig Johnson did an outstanding job and was also very dedicated to his job with Global. Craig is one of the most outgoing, friendliest people around. I would like to apologize to him because my letter made it sound like he was not devoted to his job.

As for Mike Terry, I admit that my comments were a little too strong. Actually, I like some of Mike's articles and comments. So I would also like to apologize to Mike Terry and tell him to keep up the good work.

As for Madusa kicking the s _ _ _ out of me. I work at U.P.S.. Believe me, when I get off work, I feel like Madusa has kicked the s _ _ _ out of me.

Gary Lynch
Fayetteville, GA

RL- No apology to Mike Terry is necessary as it seems your comments bothered me more than him. As for Madusa kicking the bleep out of you, I wasn't serious. And after seeing her at the tapings the other night, I don't think I'd mind one of her legs giving me a blast to the back of the head.

Wrestlemania VIII

It's funny you ask what I thought of Wrestlemania VIII. That Sunday was perhaps the eeriest day of my life...and I'm not just talking about the parts where they show Milkshake and Buffoon climbing into the ring and your TV is filled with moonshots. See, twenty minutes before the show we ordered a pizza...and since I had a coupon for Pozza Hut, that is where I ordered it from. You can probably see the omen already.

The show started and we were disappointed with Shawn Michaels and Tito. Then we were really disappointed with Undertaker/Jake (they could have slid my pan pizza under Jake's head on that tombstone and he wouldn't have gotten any sauce on his scalp. Story might have been different with a Tombstone Pizza, get it, Tombstone?) By the time Piper/Hart started (Bret was great in this) we were wondering about our pizza. My mom called so we wouldn't miss any of the show and they said someone tried to deliver it and no one was home, they somehow got the wrong address. Well, my mom did a totla heel turn and talked to the manager and tore him a new one. She ended by hanging up on him saying she and anyone she knows will never do business there again. After the I-C match, I called to do my heel turn on the guy too, however it was just a tease of a turn as he offered us a free pizza. I backed off but warned I knew Jim Herd. With that the guy said, "I have herd enough, your pizza is coming." It finally got there in the middle of the Savage/Flair match and I missed the middle part dishing up pizza for everyone there. Ultimately I only got two pieces. Flair lost the belt shortly thereafter. We suffered from either indigestion or illness from having paid \$29.95 for this tripe. A screw job finale, the return of the Roïd Warriors, and the Ultimate Roïder, no nudies of Elizabeth, and Hulk will be back.

Here's the eery part. The guys who in one way or another have tried to ruin my beloved wrestling in the past three years combined for a special tag team to blow it in one day. Vince served up a totally crap show and Jim Herd (hey, I can blame him if it makes the story work) and his former employers goofed up the cuisine. Clearly in a state of depression, I went ot bed at 7:30 p.m. that night and dreamt of a prompt pizza, delivered by a big blond haired guy on his first day of work that replied "no problem bruther! to my "thanks", and a day of myself with Liz eating a pan pizza by the pool. Thanks.

Chris Martin
Springfield, IL

Advice For Bowdren

The check is in the mail. And someone else once said staff meetings should never last more than two hours. Unfortunately it wasn't my boss. Yesterday I came home cranky and irritable after an all day, boring, tedious staff meeting. All I wanted to do was get my hands on the Advil. But "AR" was in the mailbox and I got waylaid reading it. When I was done reading it I realized my headache was gone. I was even in kind of a good mood. Thanks, I needed that.

It was my plan to just mind my own business, but I'm still thinking of Jeff Bowdren's column of a couple weeks ago. He sounded very concerned and so I've convinced myself he is open to advice. So here's my 2 cents and piece of my mind and I will try not to ramble. Jeff was sounding like he feels he's

eventually going to have to make a choice again between two loves. Jeff, if your new wife knew of your 20 year love of wrestling when she married you, she probably doesn't expect you to - or want you to - choose between her and your hobby. I think a statement like, "What's more important, wrestling or me?" comes from feeling left out. The way it sounds to me is that history may repeat itself. My unasked for advice is for you to share your love of wrestling with her by including her and let her make up her own mind about the "sleazy underbelly of wrestling" you say you don't want to expose her to because you love her. If its sleazy arm(s) reaches out to grab her, than deck 'em!

Marilyn Rundle
Gardiner, NY

Let's Get Back To Basics

Although this has already been brought up, I would like to say it's time to give up on the scandals and start covering the biz from an in ring standpoint. I think a good solution to this would be more coverage of smaller groups by us. I for one had more fun at the last IWF show I went to than any WWF show in five years. It was headlined by Blackjack Mulligan vs. The Stomper which isn't exactly Flair vs. Piper but was enjoyed nonetheless. Sometimes rating amatches takes away the fun in watching a match. Baseball players drop balls and make errors, not everybody is Ric Flair and we have to understand that. If it's two stiffes and not Steamboat/Anderson I still try to enjoy what goes on in the ring and we should all try and do this. After reading Scott Hudson's column in the last ish, he told of a promoter upset with the review of his show, he should be. His wrestlers aren't Kenta Kobashi or even Rick Rude for that matter. But I'm sure they at least tried the best they could. I realize Hudson and Steve Prazak know a lot about the biz and this is in no way to belittle their reviews, but let's try to enjoy wrestling for what made us fans. For me it was staying up late on Sat. nights to catch WWF on WOR-TV 9 from NY and see Don Muraco squash Tony Colon or Frank Williams and then give an interview on his upcoming main event against Bob Backlund. These days seem to be over but by viewing smaller groups via the few groups that have TV or by live events, you can capture some of those days. For example, I knew Vince would get hit with the chair by Piper weeks before it was on TV. Although when watching the Bad Boys piledrive Randy Rhodes on the floor at an IWF TV show it was spontaneous and added enjoyment to the show. So lets support the smaller groups and be objective to their work, they are all we may have left in the country. Good luck Jim Cornette.

Anthony Aragona
Orlando, FL

Marianne Ryan

Just got the new sheet and found it very enjoyable as usual. However I do have one complaint. The column by Marianne Ryan is a total waste of space. While I have endured its ignorance for some time, I feel I must speak out now.

As a wrestling fan, I don't buy sheets to read the memoirs of a baseball groupie. The sheer stupidity of this column is one thing, but when right under it in her profile, with Ring Rats as one of the things she can do without, right after her groupie memoirs it is too much. What's wrong Marianne? Do you have a problem with competition?

Jeff Wilson
Columbia, SC

RL- I appreciate the opinion Jeff. The only thing I want to say about her last column was that I was envious that I didn't get to do what she did with the Boston Red Sox when I was a kid. I would have loved to get free tickets to the BoSox and met all the players. Would that have made me a groupie too?

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wrestling was has broken out in Tampa as the ICWA will now run cards on Thursday and Saturday at the Sportatorium to try to thwart the IWF. But the IWF has changed their cards to running every other Friday starting 5/15. With the ICWA's recent actions, I guess they think they should be the only game in town.....IWF play by play voice and ring announcer Kevin Kelly was fired as he was involved with making plans to start another company with ex-IWF V.P. Herb Hennessy. No real loss. He was a decent ring announcer but his play by play left a lot to be desired. Chris Qualmann & Dino Puglio (ring announces Titans Florida shows) will fill in in the ring.....You may have noticed I cut down my IWF involvement. It ended up being more of a conflict of interest than I originally thought. Funny, one of my loudest critics of my involvement was from Alex Marvez who now does color for Suncoast Pro..... Congrats to Jody Boyns & John McAdam for their initial show in Nashua, NH drawing 175 with a great main event as Bill Wilcox met Freight Train Fulton. Everyone I talked with said it was a tremendous show. Hope your still running in July. Would love to check you guys out.....Anyone that can help me out with Smoky Mountain Wrestling tapes please contact me. I hope to start getting Buck Robley's NWF out of LA so maybe we can work out a trade. See ya,

Louisiana

Ron